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In re Application of

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For: COLORING EFFECT ... AND ITS USE

DECISION ON

PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1,181

This decision is in response to "Petition For Reconsideration of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371," filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 28 April 2003.

BACKGROUND

On 23 June 2000, applicant filed international application PCT/EP00/05825, claiming a priority date of 30 June 1999. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 11 January 2001. On 08 January 2001, applicant filed a Demand for international preliminary examination, prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the priority date. Accordingly, the thirty month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 31 December 2001 (30 December 2001 was a Sunday).

On 07 December 2001, applicant filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee and a declaration of the inventor.

On 20 March 2002, the Office mailed Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an oath or declaration of the inventors was required as the current one did not properly identify the application to which it was directed.

On 28 April 2003, applicant submitted the instant petition to the Office.

On 27 October 2004, applicant submitted a second copy of the instant petition and a request for a corrected filing receipt.

DISCUSSION

The declaration correctly identified the application to which it was directed. The Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) issued in error.

A corrected filing receipt is being sent under separate cover.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The Notification of Missing Requirements with a mail date of 20 March 2002 is **VACATED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of the PCT Operations for continued processing.

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